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PROBABLE DIESEL-ELECTRIC POWER PLANTS
HAI PHONG, NORTH VIETNAM
2151N 10641E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS A PROBABLE EFFORT TO ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL GENERATING CAPACITY IN THE HAI PHONG AREA. THIS WILL PROBABLY PROVIDE RESERVE ELECTRICITY FOR MEETING PEAK LOAD AND EMERGENCY USE BY HIGH-PRIORITY CONSUMERS IN WHAT MAY BE CONSIDERED A VULNERABLE AREA.

2. LOCATION:

THE THREE PROBABLE DIESEL-ELECTRIC POWER PLANTS ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE HAI PHONG URBAN AREA AT UTM COORDINATES XJ744072, XJ762072, AND XJ780072.

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RECENTLY DISCOVERED INSTALLATIONS IN THE HAI PHONG AREA WHICH HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS PROBABLE DIESEL-ELECTRIC POWER PLANTS. ALL OF THE INSTALLATIONS, IN VARIOUS STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION, CONTAIN SEVERAL SIMILAR FEATURES. BUNKERS, IDENTIFIED AS PROBABLE POL

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STORAGE, ARE NOTED AT ALL THREE LOCATIONS. A SECOND FEATURE COMMON TO ALL THREE PLANTS IS A REVETTED AND ROOFED BUILDING PROBABLY CONTAINING DIESEL GENERATORS. EXHAUST STACKS WITH MUFFLERS EXTENDING BEYOND THE ROOFED AREA ARE VISIBLE IN TWO OF THE INSTALLATIONS.

A THIRD FEATURE NOTED AT ALL OF THE SITES IS A WATER SUPPLY WHICH COULD BE USED FOR COOLING THE GENERATORS -- TWO SITES HAVE COOLING PONDS AND THE THIRD HAS A PUMPHOUSE TO SUPPLY WATER FROM A NEARBY STREAM. ALL THREE INSTALLATIONS ARE BUILT ALONG AN ALMOST PERFECT EAST - WEST AXIS, WITH THE CENTER INSTALLATION APPROXIMATELY EQUIDISTANT FROM THE INSTALLATIONS ON EITHER SIDE. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS ORIENTATION, IF ANY, HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED.

4. REMARKS:

THE PROBLEM OF SUBSTITUTE SOURCES OF ELECTRICITY SUCH AS DIESEL GENERATORS IS THAT THEY REQUIRE REGULAR MAINTENANCE BY SKILLED PERSONNEL AND A CONTINUING SUPPLY OF DIESEL FUEL. HOWEVER, THE POSSIBLE DENIAL OF ELECTRIC POWER IN THE PORT AREA WOULD CREATE EVEN GREATER PROBLEMS AND WOULD COMPLICATE FURTHER THE SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS.

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